per capita consumption of the non-poor to poor decreased from 2.76 in 1987-88 to 2.70 in 1993-94 but increased marginally to 2.80 in 1999-2000.

Year	Rural	Urban
1987-88	2.30	2.76
1993-94	2.22	2.70
1999-2000	2.13	2.80

SOURCE: Planning Commission.

(b) and (c) The present economic policies and programmes are being implemented with the objective of ensuring faster growth with employment and equity. The interests of the vulnerable sections of the society are being protected through allocation of progressively higher resources to agriculture, rural, social and human development as also direct income generation activities for the poor through a wide range of poverty alleviation and employment generation programmes currently underway.

Foreclosure of MIP's by UTI

3692. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the Unit Trust of India to foreclose several Monthly Income Plans (MIPs);

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the depositors would be offered any alternative investment scheme in lieu of the MIPs currently in force; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.